

Creel Survey

August 29, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Boat anglers near the mouth are catching a mixture of fall chinook, summer run steelhead, and coho.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 105 spring chinook adults, 50 jacks, 19 mini-jacks, 500 summer-run steelhead, four sea-run cutthroat, 81 fall chinook adults, one jack, and two pink salmon during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 37 spring chinook adults, 19 jacks, 16 fall chinook adults, and one coho salmon into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 58 spring chinook adults, 28 jacks, 18 fall chinook adults, and one coho jack into the Upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood and 25 spring chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park. Also during the week two sea-run cutthroat were released into Lake Scanewawhile 47 fall chinook adults, one jack, and one coho salmon were released into Mayfield Lake at the Ike Kinswa State Park boat launch. The two pink salmon adults were released into the Cowlitz River at the Barrier Dam boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,740 cubic feet per second on Monday August 29. Water visibility is 13 feet.

Lewis River – Mostly summer run steelhead are being caught.

Drano Lake – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged over a steelhead per rod. They were also catching some fall chinook and coho. About 65 boats here last Saturday morning.

White Salmon River – Bank anglers are catching some fall chinook and coho. Last Saturday there were only 4 boats here.

Buoy 10 – Now only open for hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead. At the Washington ramps last weekend, boat anglers kept a hatchery coho per every 9 rods.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – In general, chinook catches are increasing while steelhead are tapering off. Overall fishing was slow the first part of last week and had improved some by the weekend.

Last week we sampled 2,515 salmonid anglers (including 628 boats) with 264 adult and 13 jack fall chinook, 152 steelhead, and 5 adult and 1 jack coho. All but a handful of the adult and jack chinook, 99 (65%) of the steelhead, and 1 (20%) of the adult were kept. The coho jack was released.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some fall chinook and summer run steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the mouth to the Navigation Marker 82 line – No anglers were sampled last week during the catch-and-release only fishery.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – The few boat anglers sampled in the Camas/Washougal and Woodland areas had kept some walleye.

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Month/Week	Chinook												Coho												Chinook												Coho											
Aug. 22-28	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other																						
Bonneville	1	170	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	19	0	32	66	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0																						
Camas/Washougal	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																						
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Vancouver	4	146	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	0	117	269	40	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0																						
Woodland	5	171	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	6	0	160	377	42	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0																						
Kalama	6	249	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	84	177	35	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	12	8	0																						
Cowlitz	7													143	332	67	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0																						
Longview	8	317	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	0																																			
Cathlamet	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																			
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Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Aug. 22-28.

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